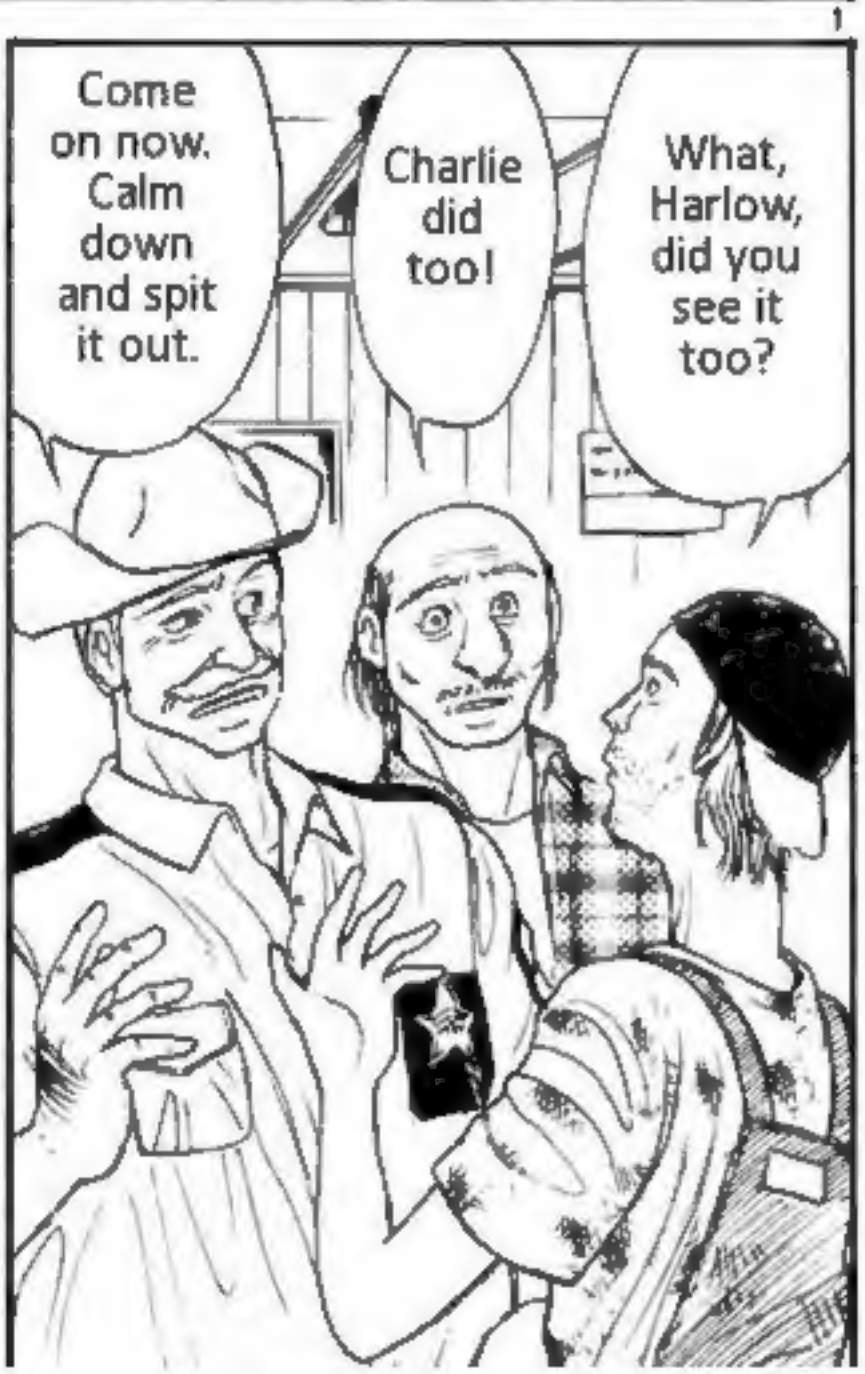
Hey, sherrif! W-what's going on!?

Act 5
Mask

Yeah, and all of 'em lined up like that...
But it was so weird, in all those white suits!

There's no way they could be-
Set one foot outside this town and it's nothing but scorching mountains and sand.
Just think about it.


Come on now. Calm down and spit it out.
Charlie did too!
What, Harlow, did you see it too?

Hih hih hih, Heaven won't take their blood.

The parched sands will suck it down to Hell for certain.

The blood of shirogane, rife with the scent of decay, will evaporate and ascend to the heavens, eh, Anzelmas?

So, Karasu*-kun, go report back to Pantalone and the others.

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Indeed, Paulman. A nice day to kill shirogane.

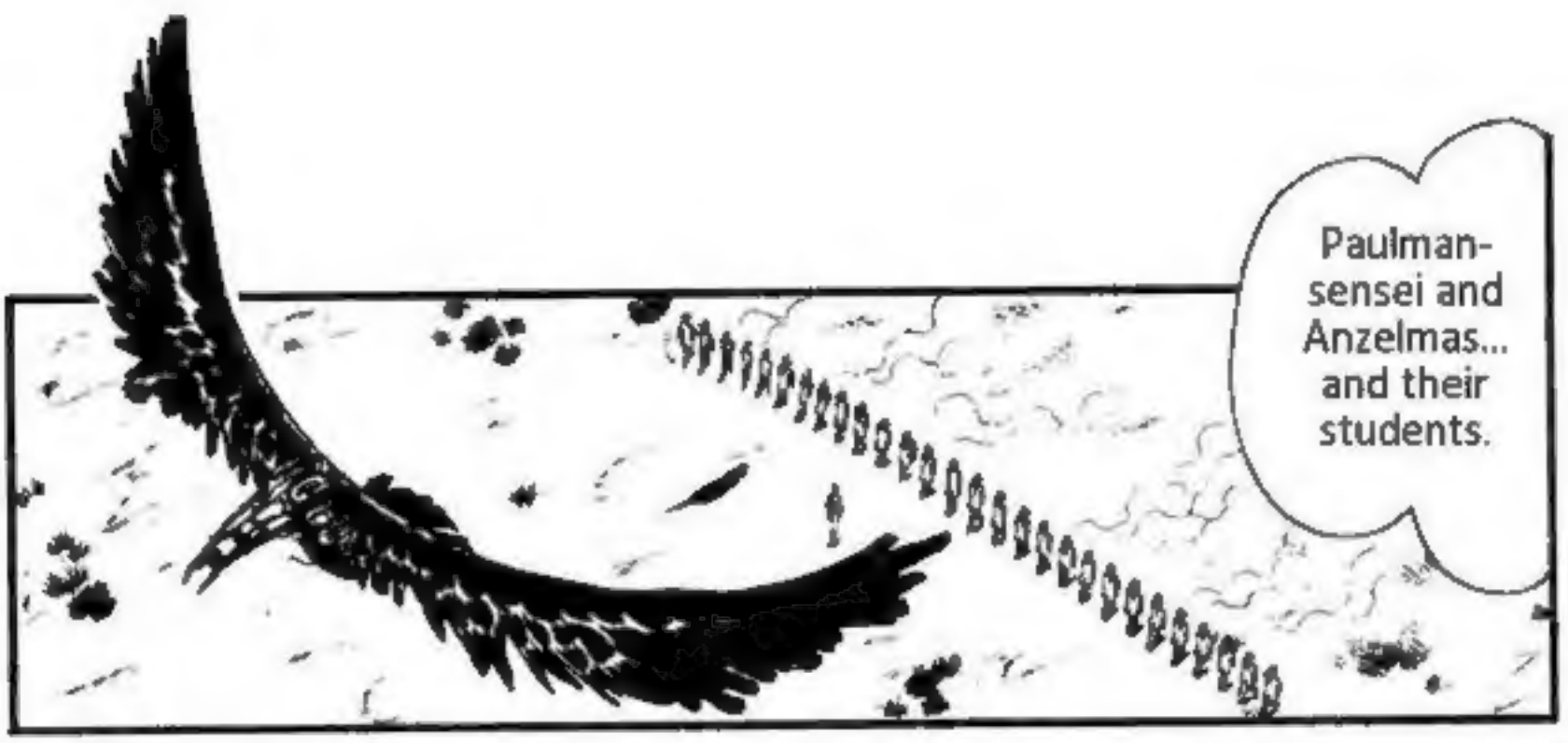
Nice weather, eh, Anzel-mas?

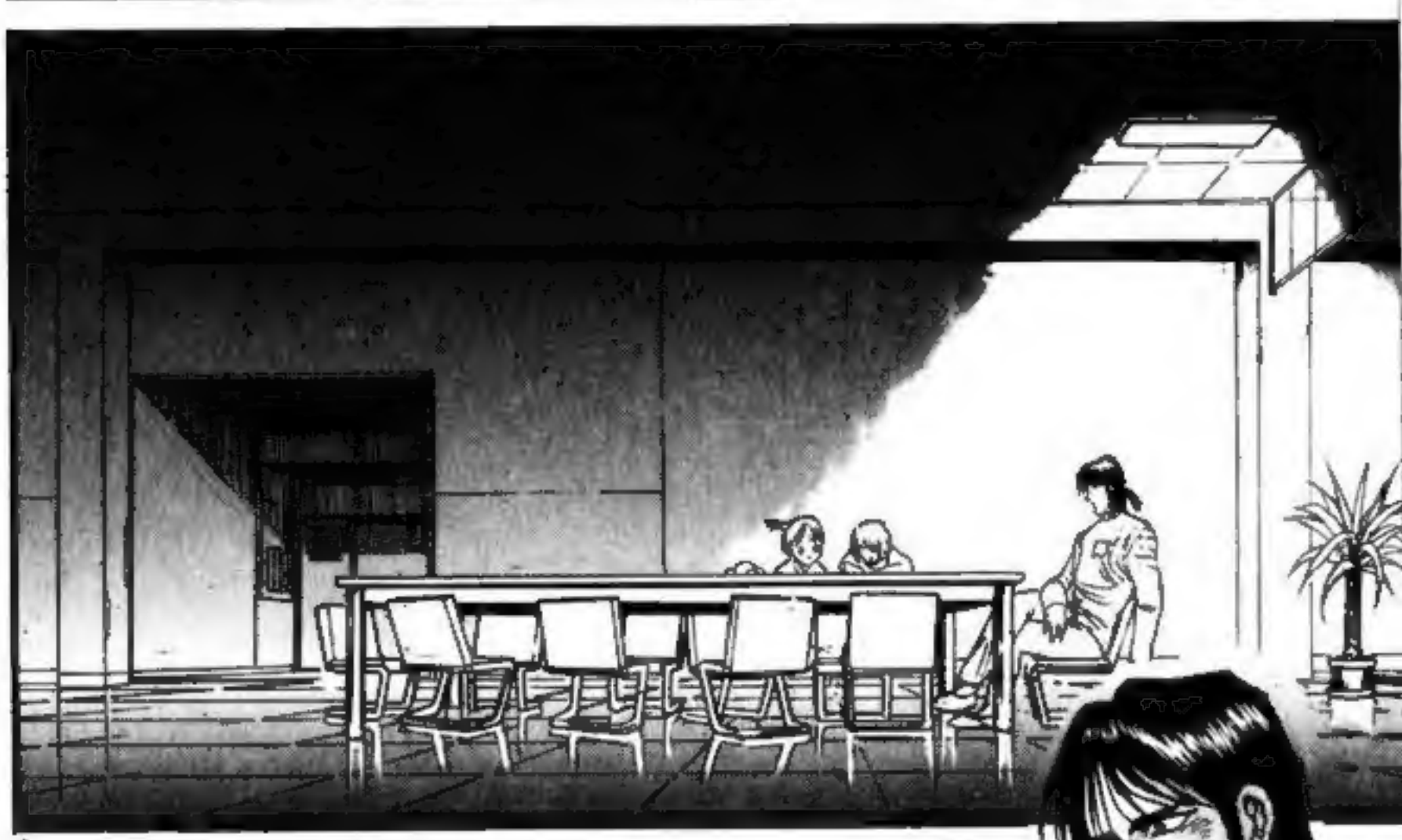
and deliver them to Fran-cine-sama.

We'll cut off their heads

And the lengendary shirogane Guy of Europe...

Shirogane George, who's been destroying our compatriots in America...


Paulman-sensei and Anzelmas... and their students.



You haven't spoken a word to us for five days, since that boy died.
All you've done is help the doctors. That's fine.
Lucille...

...died... five days ago...and then...
...Mark...
...five days.
You disregarded my advice and got attached to these children, but that's enough now...

died...
20 more ... of them...

Every-one ...

Scott

Tina

Toby

Ronnie the soccer fan...

Naughty little Norman...

Precocious Meg...

Mick, who loved stories...

Hell.

This place is...

Like the teeth of a comb falling out one by one...

I didn't think the day would come so quickly...

They all went through that door... and never came back.

Lucille... it's just like you said...

I... couldn't ... do anything ...

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I hear you've only become a shirogane recently.

Then I have to show you some-thing.

Where Mark went.

What we're fighting.

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There are three stages victims of Zonapha go through.

This is the ward for child victims of the Zonapha Syndrome...

Now, as before, relief of symptoms comes from "making others smile".

At the first stage, breathing becomes difficult and the whole body aches- accompanied by repeated convulsions that cause loss of consciousness.

...and then?

In general, they become unable to move.

You both were quite rare examples of victims living normal daily lives at stage one.

According to what I've heard, you and your grandfather had Zonapha.

Viral infection. Hormone disorders. Organ function is impaired, including that of the heart, due to nerve anomalies.

This period is fraught with compli-cations.

In progressing from the first to second stage, the body's immune system grows weaker, and with their immunity compromised, victims are attacked by other diseases.

...no...

even though it continues to admit people with Zonapha?

Do you know why this institution never gets full,

It hap-pened to Mark as well.

Mark...

are steadily dying off...

Because... the victims...

None ever return from here to the general ward...

This is where we treat those in the second stage, as much as we can.

However...

Then ...

The third stage ...

To those unlucky enough to survive without complications...

You've heard about the third stage... from Lucille.

B8
B9
B10
B11

The most awful part...

isn't dying if you can't make someone else smile.

Death is lost to them.

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You think our treatment of them is cruel?

How cruel!

But their body temperature is fixedly low, their skin and muscles have hardened, and they have no metabolism in this condition, so they have no need for a bed.

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Oh no...

Please god.

Narumi, are you okay?

Na-rumi

Don't think of doing anything foolish, Narumi

Huh?

Oh, good.

Uh, yeah, I'm fine, Beth

Harry was worried you were hurt some-where.

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You're only thinking of these children.

So .

You know you can save others with your blood.

Like you saved that teacher before..

There are 2000 children with Zonapha admitted here

What about other children?

But-

wouldn't be enough.

All the blood you have

What can I do?

Dammit !

Long ago, there was someone in much the same situation as you.

Lucille you.

had that at Green-town

Why don't you try wearing a mask like this?

Then he saved all the villagers from death with Aqua Vitae

He came to the first village in the world ever destroyed by the Zonapha Syndrome

That man was a travelling alchemist.

The mask... is vaguely smiling, don't you think? Narumi...I believe...

He leapt into the well where he had mixed his Aqua Vitae, and vanished, leaving this behind.

He had this mask with him when he did

He was a man who could not attend to victims of the Zonapha Syndrome without a mask..

people cannot look forward and so cannot be touched by reality...

At the times most bitter to the heart,

But...

To this day, I don't know what happened.

Without hiding our hearts with heartlessness, we shirogane could not cross through Hell.

A mask is something that will hide emotions on the face...

I have long given birth to shirogane, acting as their teacher.

Within those teachings is the admonition to "kill emotion".

So ... this mask ...

That is wearing a mask on the heart.

You can choose for yourself to be a man who doesn't fight.

Suffering, you are able to think through this, and an answer will come.

Narumi, it's good that you are tortured by help-lessness.

Lucille... you...

You may be a special shirogane.

And, because of that,

you should wear this mask.

a place where

When the answer comes,

choose ...

Yes, Lucille.

Lucille...

Has something happened, George?

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Automata targeting you, Guy, and myself have come.

Paulman-sensei and Anzelmas.

One-Woman Show

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All for the love of Fujita-Sensei!